

ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2005-06

1976 Thatcher Blvd., Safford, AZ 85546

Gila Educational Group dba Gila Preparatory Academy

AZ LEARNS¹

High School Achievement Profile ^(a)

2004-05	Performing
2003-04	Not Evaluated
2002-03	New School

(a) For additional information, please refer to Achievement Profiles Page near end of document.

No Child Left Behind

Adequate Yearly Progress ^(b)

2004-05	Met
2003-04	Met
2002-03	Not Met

School Improvement Status ^(b)

2004-05	N/A
2003-04	N/A
2002-03	N/A

(b) For additional information, please refer to the AYP page in this report card.

Arizona's report cards have been revised to include requirements in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, such as Adequate Yearly Progress and the disaggregation of student level data into required subgroups.

School Overview

Principal/Administrator : Mrs. Kathy Jerome Maxwell
 Schedule : 07:30 AM to 04:00 PM
 Grades : 9-12
 2005 Enrollment : 72
 Web Address :
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Mission

Gila Preparatory Academy provides a nurturing environment for the intellectual, creative, and social development for all students. This nurturing takes place in a positive, cooperative setting. Our students envision the future and their place in it.

School / Academic Goals

- ü Students will have the opportunity to learn and progress at a pace commensurate to their ability level while participating in interdisciplinary activities that are designed to meet state standards.
- ü Students will learn, experience, and have the opportunity to apply the skills and attributes of responsible citizens by helping to create and maintain a safe and orderly environment.
- ü Students will internalize life-long learning as modeled by staff and parents.
- ü Students leave prepared to meet their future; to live a life with simple but unchangeable truths, devoid of apathy and despair, filled with hope, success, and happiness. They will be equipped with the ability to change themselves and the world.

Enrollment

October 1, 2004 School Year Student Enrollment : 60
 Accepting New Students in 2005-06 Under Open Enrollment Law : ² Yes
 Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2004-05 : 66

Instructional Programs

- ü Choir
- ü Drama
- ü Strings
- ü Career Exploration
- ü Learning Styles
- ü Computer Technology
- ü Character Counts

Calendar Information

Number of Instruction Days :	149
Average Daily Instruction Time :	7 hours 10 minutes
First Day of School :	8/9/2005
Last Day of School :	5/26/2006

Shared Responsibilities

School

Gila Preparatory Academy staff assures parents that their students will have a learning environment that is safe and stimulating. The individual student's academic needs will be addressed. Discipline will be appropriate to the situation. The staff will be responsive and accessible.

Parents

Parents of Gila Preparatory Academy students will encourage their student to follow school rules, complete work in a timely fashion, and show respect for themselves and those around them.

Transportation Policy

Gila Preparatory Academy is responsible for transporting high school students from the school to Eastern Arizona College campus where they attend. Parents are responsible for transporting their student to and from school each day.

School Honors

Awards or Special Recognition Received By the School, Staff or Students

Award/Honor	Year
ü Distinguished Teacher for Graham County	2002
ü Scholarships to Eastern Arizona College	2003
ü Scholarship to University of Arizona	

10th Grade

Mathematics	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	23	23	69846	100	100	100	659	659	699	71	71	21	12	12	11	18	18	49	0	0	18
All Students (Prior Year)	13	13	65934	100	100	100	455	455	492	85	85	43	8	8	18	8	8	24	0	0	15
Female	NC	NC	34328	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	702	NC	NC	19	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	51	NC	NC	18
Male	15	15	35509	94	94	100	660	660	696	73	73	23	18	18	11	9	9	48	0	0	18
African American	--	--	3535	--	--	100	--	--	677	--	--	31	--	--	15	--	--	46	--	--	8
Hispanic	NC	NC	23363	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	680	NC	NC	32	NC	NC	16	NC	NC	45	NC	NC	7
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1742	--	--	99	--	--	733	--	--	8	--	--	7	--	--	46	--	--	38
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	4785	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	671	NC	NC	39	NC	NC	17	NC	NC	39	NC	NC	5
White	14	14	36421	100	100	99	663	663	714	64	64	12	9	9	8	27	27	54	0	0	26
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	7690	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	593	NC	NC	64	NC	NC	14	NC	NC	21	NC	NC	2
Students without Disabilities	18	18	62220	100	100	99	661	661	712	75	75	16	8	8	11	17	17	53	0	0	20
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	5834	--	--	100	--	--	612	--	--	46	--	--	20	--	--	31	--	--	3
Migrant Students	--	--	117	--	--	NA	--	--	677	--	--	44	--	--	18	--	--	35	--	--	3
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	21421	--	--	92	--	--	686	--	--	35	--	--	15	--	--	43	--	--	7
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	23	23	48489	100	100	100	659	659	704	71	71	15	12	12	10	18	18	52	0	0	23

Reading	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	19	19	71311	95	100	100	667	667	694	12	12	7	47	47	21	41	41	63	0	0	9
All Students (Prior Year)	13	13	68162	100	100	100	489	489	509	38	38	18	8	8	24	54	54	51	0	0	8
Female	NC	NC	34899	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	700	NC	NC	5	NC	NC	19	NC	NC	66	NC	NC	10
Male	13	13	36430	93	100	100	663	663	688	8	8	9	58	58	22	33	33	61	0	0	8
African American	--	--	3573	--	--	100	--	--	676	--	--	9	--	--	26	--	--	60	--	--	4
Hispanic	NC	NC	24056	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	672	NC	NC	13	NC	NC	31	NC	NC	53	NC	NC	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1731	--	--	98	--	--	717	--	--	3	--	--	13	--	--	68	--	--	16
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	5110	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	661	NC	NC	14	NC	NC	38	NC	NC	46	NC	NC	2
White	11	11	36841	92	100	99	678	678	713	20	20	3	20	20	12	60	60	72	0	0	13
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	8021	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	590	NC	NC	27	NC	NC	42	NC	NC	29	NC	NC	1
Students without Disabilities	14	14	63379	93	100	100	668	668	707	8	8	5	50	50	18	42	42	68	0	0	10
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	6402	--	--	100	--	--	596	--	--	25	--	--	44	--	--	30	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	548	--	--	NA	--	--	659	--	--	26	--	--	36	--	--	38	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	22243	--	--	93	--	--	677	--	--	14	--	--	32	--	--	51	--	--	3
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	19	19	49157	100	100	100	667	667	702	12	12	4	47	47	16	41	41	69	0	0	11

Writing	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	18	18	70868	90	100	100	632	632	688	33	33	5	40	40	23	27	27	63	0	0	9
All Students (Prior Year)	13	13	67629	100	100	100	493	493	524	31	31	22	38	38	16	31	31	59	0	0	3
Female	NC	NC	34710	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	697	NC	NC	3	NC	NC	19	NC	NC	66	NC	NC	12
Male	12	12	36176	86	92	100	627	627	678	40	40	7	30	30	27	30	30	59	0	0	7
African American	--	--	3557	--	--	99	--	--	675	--	--	7	--	--	25	--	--	62	--	--	6
Hispanic	NC	NC	23868	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	670	NC	NC	9	NC	NC	33	NC	NC	55	NC	NC	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1732	--	--	98	--	--	713	--	--	2	--	--	12	--	--	64	--	--	22
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	5001	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	661	NC	NC	9	NC	NC	41	NC	NC	48	NC	NC	2
White	11	11	36710	92	100	99	618	618	702	50	50	2	30	30	15	20	20	69	0	0	13
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	7900	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	580	NC	NC	22	NC	NC	49	NC	NC	28	NC	NC	1
Students without Disabilities	14	14	63054	93	100	99	644	644	701	27	27	3	45	45	20	27	27	67	0	0	10
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	6308	--	--	100	--	--	591	--	--	19	--	--	47	--	--	33	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	540	--	--	NA	--	--	658	--	--	16	--	--	42	--	--	41	--	--	1
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	21994	--	--	92	--	--	673	--	--	10	--	--	36	--	--	52	--	--	3
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	18	18	48960	100	100	100	632	632	694	33	33	3	40	40	18	27	27	67	0	0	12

NC = Not Calculated (less than 10 students) Dashes (--) = No Data Available NA = Not Applicable S = School D = District

Recent Trends in Student Proficiency on the State Standards (AIMS Test)

10th Grade Proficiency



The graph includes the percentage of students that met or exceeded the standards. NC = Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC.

The table below shows the schools that met or did not meet based on federal AYP requirements. To meet AYP for the year, all applicable goals must be met.

AYP Determination	Met Percent Tested?	Y
	Met Test Objectives?	Y
	Met Attendance Rate?	Not Evaluated
	Met Graduation Rate?	Y
	Made AYP?	Yes

Glossary:

Adequate Yearly Progress

A measure of school performance as mandated by the federal government in the No Child Left Behind. AYP holds schools accountable for the performance of subgroups, as well as all students. AYP measures school toward the goal of having 100 percent of all students proficient in state standards for reading and math by 2013-14.

Met Percent Tested:

The school or district tested at least ninety-five percent (95%) of its students enrolled at the time of the test administration. Schools and districts must test at least 95 percent of their student in order to make AYP.

Met Test Objectives:

The percentage of students in the school or district that demonstrate proficiency in state standards by passing the AIMS test meets or exceeds the goal for that year. No Child Left Behind requires that Arizona set goals, called Annual Measurable Objectives, for the percentage of students passing AIMS for all public schools and districts in the state. The goals increase over time toward 100 percent passing by 2014. To meet the test objectives, every subgroup in the school must meet the Annual Measurable Objective.

Met Attendance Rate:

The school or district had an attendance rate of at least 90 percent over the first 100 days of the academic year. Schools and districts not serving high school students must have an attendance rate of 90 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Met Graduation Rate:

The school or district had a four-year graduation rate of 71 percent or greater. School or districts granting a high school diploma must have a graduation rate of 71 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Achievement Test Results

Stanford 9 and TerraNova/AIMS DPA

Grade	Content Area	2002-2003 (SAT9)				2003-2004 (SAT9)				2004-2005 (TerraNova)			
		%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ
9	Reading	95	22	22	41	95	17	NA	42	91	46	46	51
	Language	95	30	30	42	100	16	16	42	91	45	45	50
	Mathematics	100	41	41	60	100	34	34	63	91	33	33	50

Starting in Spring 2004-05, students were tested using AIMS DPA and TerraNova. AIMS DPA is a statewide assessment that is both standards-based, measuring student's knowledge against the Arizona Academic Standards, and norm-referenced, comparing student knowledge against students nationwide. TerraNova was administered to all students in grades 2 and 9. It is important to note the TerraNova/AIMS DPA and Stanford 9 test results are not comparable. For more information on the TerraNova and AIMS DPA, see our website at www.ade.az.gov/standards/

The Stanford 9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test. Since 1999, all students in grades 2 through 9 have been tested in Reading, Mathematics and Language. The percentage (%) of eligible students tested and the school's percentile ranks are listed above. State average percentile ranks for Arizona and District are provided for comparison. Note that the average percentile ranks for the nation are 50 for all content areas in all grades. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten students have been replaced with NC (not calculated) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (-) to indicate "no data available."

School Site Council

Council Composition

2 School Administrator(s)
 0 Non-certified Employee(s)
 0 Teacher(s)
 0 Parent(s)
 3 Community Member(s)
 0 Student(s)

Council Duties

Ü Policy Decisions
 Ü Staffing
 Ü Site Issues
 Ü Disciplinary Appeals

Staffing Information for School Year 2005-06

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	1.40	Teacher	4.00
Other Professional Staff	.35	Teacher Aide	.25

Years of Teaching Experience for School Year 2005-06

Experience	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	2	1	0	0
4 to 6 years	1	0	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	0	0	0
10 or more years	0	0	0	0

Highly Qualified (NCLB) School Year 2004-05

Core academic classes taught by Highly Qualified (NCLB) teachers.	21
Teachers with Emergency Certificaton.	0
Percent of teachers in the school with Emergency/Provisional Certification	0%
Percent of core classes not taught by Hightly Qualified Teachers	80%

Resources Available at School Site

Special Facilities

Ü Computer Lab
 Ü Library

Extracurricular Activities

Ü Student Council
 Ü Relay for Life

Social Services

Ü SEABHS/New Turf Prevention
 Ü Parents Anonymous
 Ü GATE/Tobacco Education
 Ü Eastern Arizona College

Indicators of Success Based on Historical Data from 2004-05

School Achievements/Accomplishments 2004-05

- ü Students participated in various activities throughout the year that augmented the lessons learned in the classroom: field trips, choir concerts, string recitals, and a play presented by the drama class.
- ü Several high school students successfully completed classes at the local junior college. Representative classes were in english, math, computers, automotive technology, photography, and law enforcement.
- ü Student Council officers and class officers planned and executed many highly successful activities throughout the school year.
- ü The strings students participated in a county-wide strings concert. They also played the processional and recessional at the eighth grade promotion and high school graduation.

Student Activity Rates for School Year 2004-05

		Arizona		
		% K-6/UE	% 7-8	% 9-12/US
Attendance Rate ⁴	91	95	94	95
Transfers Out Rates ⁵	20	12	12	17
Transfers In Rate ⁶	64	28	28	37
Stability Rate ⁷	79	87	87	82
Promotion Rate ⁸	83	96	95	81
Retention Rate ⁹	4	1	1	3
Dropout Rate ¹⁰	8	0	1	6
Status Unknown ¹¹	7	0	1	4
Graduation Rate ¹²	100	NA	NA	79

NA = Graduation rate does not apply to K-8.

K-6/UE - Kindergarten to Grade 6 including Ungraded Elementary (UE).

9-12/US - 9th grade to 12th grade including Ungraded Secondary (US).

School Safety

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

We have implemented a behavior code that has three distinct components. Bullying, profanity/vulgarity, and insubordination are deemed '0' tolerance behaviors. Violation of these will result in swift, appropriate consequences. The consequences for breaking other school rules will be appropriate to the student and the situation. The code stresses changing behavior not just controlling behavior. It places responsibility for behavior on the student.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds for school year 2004-05 that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S.15-746.6) :

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The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a hotline that allows students to report suspicious activities at schools and to get help with potentially violent situations, such as bullying, harassment, hate crimes, discrimination and gangs. The toll-free number, 1-877-900-1086, is anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

The Arizona Department of Education does not audit the information submitted by each school.

Contacts

	Name	Phone Number
School Site Council	Kathy Maxwell	(928) 348-8688
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Community Resources	Kathy Grimes	(928) 428-4550
School Nutrition Programs	Sherli Skinner	(928) 348-8688
Parent Organization		
Student Health/Nurse	Emily Valtierra	(928) 348-8688

The Arizona School Report Card was prepared by the Arizona Department of Education using a standardized format to combine information provided by the local school with data compiled from state records. Each school has special strengths and needs, and all schools benefit from the active involvement of parents in their children's education. If you have questions about the report card or need more information, contact the school office. Arizona School Report Cards can be found for all schools at www.ade.az.gov/srcs on the Internet. "The Arizona Department of Education of the State of Arizona does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or in its hiring and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact the Administrative Services DAS at (602) 542-3186."

Arizona's Achievement Profiles capture the performance level of every school.

DEFINITIONS:

Failing to Meet the Academic Standards - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

School performance has been designated as Underperforming for three consecutive years and a site review determined that the designation of Failing to Meet the Academic Standards was warranted.

Underperforming - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

Performing - meets state performance goals.

Performing Plus - above state performance goals, however the number of students exceeding the standard on the AIMS test is not sufficient to earn a highly performing or excelling label.

Highly Performing - above state performance goals or has demonstrated adequate improvement, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

Excelling - significantly above state performance goals, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

TITLE I TERMS**Title I School Improvement Year 1**

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 2

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for three consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 3 or Corrective Action

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for four consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must choose and implement at least one of six corrective actions. See Section 1116(b)(7) of NCLB for a list of the corrective action options.

Title I School Improvement Year 4 or Restructuring (Planning Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for five consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Title I School Improvement Year 5 or Restructuring (Implementation Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for six consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

1 For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit our website at www.ade.az.gov/azlearns.

2 Under ARS 15-816, school district governing boards must implement open enrollment programs and establish policies covering admission criteria, application procedures and transportation provisions. For more information, contact the school district office.

3 Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) includes the reading, writing and mathematics subject areas. The proficiency levels include: Falls Far Below (FFB) the standard, Approaches (A) the standard, Meets or Met (M) the standard and Exceeds (E) the standard. MSS = Mean Scaled Score. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, requires disaggregation in subgroups and ethnicity. NC= Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC. For more information on testing and Arizona Academic Standards go to <http://www.ade.az.gov/AIMS/default.asp>

4 Attendance Rate: Percentage of students attending the first 100 days of the academic year.

5 Transfers Out: the rate at which students transfer out of a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

6 Transfers In: the rate at which students transfer into a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

7 Stability (s): the rate at which students starting the year at a particular school remain enrolled in that particular school until the end of a given school year.

8 Promotion Rate: Percentage of students promoted to the next grade or who met graduation requirements and received a traditional diploma at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.

9 Retention Rate: Percentage of students retained at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

10 Dropout Rate: Percentage of students counted as withdrawn due to chronic illness, expulsion or dropping out during the 2004-05 school year, to include activity during the summer of 2004. This rate includes students who were withdrawn after 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences or were coded by the school as "status unknown." The Promotion Rate, Retention Rate and Dropout Rate may not add to 100% due to the inclusion of summer activity in the Dropout Rate but not in the Promotion Rate and Retention Rate. For more information on the dropout rate study see our website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

11 Annual Status Unknown: Percentage of students unaccounted for by any method during the 2004-05 school year. Annual status unknown students are not necessarily dropouts. For more information on status unknown, see our dropout rate study website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

12 Graduation Rate: The graduation rate presented here is a 5 year cohort rate for the class of 2004. For more information on the Graduation Rate Study published by the ADE, please see our website at www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad.

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